

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

May 15, 2007

**Aldermen Osborne,
O'Neil, Shea, Roy, Long**

4:00 PM

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Osborne, O'Neil, Shea, Roy and Long

Chairman Osborne advised that he has requested the Health Department to provide the committee with an update every meeting, it will be the first item on the agenda, he believed it would be beneficial to the city knowing what is going on with health.

3. Monthly Health Department update.

Tim Soucy, Director of Public Health, stated I wanted to give an update on two items we are working on. The first is on the BMA agenda there is an extension of a program called CRI. What that stands for is the City Readiness Initiative. This is a relatively new source of funding for the Manchester Health Department, it CDC funding that has gone through the State Health Department, and to give you a little bit of background on what CRI is, after 911 and the anthrax in the mail in October of 2001 there was quite a bit of concern that anthrax would be used as a biological weapon in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control identified some major metropolitan areas throughout the country the nearest one to here being Boston and ask them to devise plans on how they would provide an antibiotic to a large number of people should an anthrax attack occur in the United States. And this was the beginning of the CRI. Three years ago Boston was named as part of that program last year they included Rockingham County in New Hampshire. I guess in their infinite wisdom they only thought that people traveled up Route 95 to get home from Boston. Within the past year they've added Hillsborough County as well. Specifically the cities of Manchester and Nashua. The City and the Health Department are going to be receiving \$87,000 in additional funding from the State CDC to help develop plans to provide an

antibiotic to our entire population of the City of Manchester and the surrounding area which is the population of about 180,000 folks and the objective of this program is to have workable plans where we can provide that medication to everybody within a 48 hour period. If you can imagine that is a rather ambitious program. Nationally there is something called the Strategic National Stockpile and what the SNS is are large caches of antibiotics, medical supplies and other supplies that are housed strategically around the nation and can be at any location within the country within a 12 hour period. In the event of an anthrax attack in this area where we were required to provide prophylaxis to our residents we would request the SNS, it would be broken in, it would be handled by the National Guard broken down and delivered to us and it then becomes our responsibility to deliver that medication. We currently have plans in place to provide that medication to everyone in Manchester, we are going to be using the funding we receive to help write some plans for our neighboring communities, eight surrounding towns so that they may also have workable plans to provide them. They are part of our catchment area because they use our hospitals, and we've done extensive planning with our neighboring communities. So this money is going to be used to help develop plans and the second piece of that is to provide the supplies that we need to open clinics in a moments notice. And essentially we have developed a system of metal racks on wheels with bins full of supplies where we can literally wheel one of these racks into a gymnasium, open it up, provide nurses and once that medication arrives we are ready to begin to treat people. So that's a little bit on CRI, it is on the board's agenda as a report out of CIP, but it is one of the newer programs around emergency planning that the Health Department has been involved in, once again with all of our community partners, Police, Fire, the hospitals and our neighboring towns.

Mr. Soucy continued his update stating the second item was around Triple E and West Nile Virus, this is mosquito season, it has officially begun. There are some concerns with the recent flooding that the problem with mosquitoes may actually be more extensive this year than in the past years. There is always some debate on whether wet seasons or dry seasons are good for mosquito breeding but regardless come June 1st we will begin our mosquito surveillance program where we will be trapping around the city to see what types of mosquitoes we have and if indeed any of those mosquitoes are positive West Nile or Triple E. The Health Department has already established it's West Nile Virus and Triple E hotline and folks can call the Health Department at our regular business number and dial extension 325 and they are able to get a voicemail box that we check every day periodically through the day and they can report standing water if they have any concerns about mosquitoes or dead birds or potential mosquito breeding, give us a call we will get somebody out there the same day to help address that problem. We want to take this time to deliver the typical messages we get out to the public around Triple E and West Nile and one is the prevention of mosquito breeding.

The mosquitoes that primarily carry West Nile are what we call urban mosquitoes. They breed in standing water in things like tires, and old swimming pools, and flower pots or bird baths that have been abandoned. So if residents have concerns about that let us know, we can certainly address it with property owners to make sure that we are doing everything we can to help prevent mosquito breeding in the City. The second portion of that is really around personal protection. This is once again the time we want to remind people that the best way to prevent the transmission of West Nile or Triple E is around personal protection, the use of long sleeves, long pants, mosquito repellent with the appropriate level of Deet for an adult versus a child. Making sure that children don't apply it to themselves, but rather having an adult do that. We tend to forget these things and I'll tell you I'm probably a little more neurotic than most, we have insect repellent in both of our vehicles, my wife and I, and the kids soccer bags, so it's not a bad idea to pick up a new bottle and to make sure you have it handy if you are going to be outside. Everyone has a personal responsibility to help prevent this disease, and that is the prime way of doing it.

Mr. Soucy stated the last item he wanted to talk about we always get questions about spraying. Will the city be spraying for mosquitoes. You recall over the last couple of years on a couple of occasions we have contracted with Dragon Mosquito Control to do some very targeted spraying on city owned properties, those places that we expect to find people congregating in the evening, the early morning, city parks, soccer fields, baseball fields, we have applied for our special permit to the State Department of Agriculture, that permit has been approved and is in place in the event based on what we are seeing from surveillance of both mosquitoes, potential human cases, should the decision be made to once again conduct some targeted spraying our permit is in place. I will advise the Board at this time in the past when we have done spraying the Health Department has been able to cover that expense through our Public Health Preparedness Grant. Those expenses are no longer allowed by the federal government. So in the event spraying becomes warranted and it's the recommendation of the Health Department that the city engage in spraying there is a very good chance that we will be coming back to you for some funding, most likely through contingency, to assist us with that program.

Alderman Long stated the spraying where there is no federal money is there any state money involved.

Mr. Soucy stated what the state does is there is a statute that provides 25% reimbursement, Commissioner Stephen had that put in last year. Last year we spent \$8,000 on our spraying and we were able to recoup \$2,000 of that.

Alderman Long asked how that was costed out, per square foot, or otherwise.

Mr. Soucy responded it was a combination of the materials and time that the contractor uses. Typically when they come to the city they bring truck mounted sprayers for things like Derryfield Country Club, Derryfield Park, Livingston Park, the bigger the parks, and then they use backpack type sprayers for the perimeters of ballfields and smaller parks, so it is a combination of man hours and the cost of chemicals plus their travel time, when we undertake that activity.

Alderman Long stated so you wouldn't have an estimated guess as to what you would need if in fact you would need something.

Mr. Soucy stated it typically costs us about \$8,000 for a night of spraying which gives us entire coverage of those city parks that we do. We hit about 16 different locations and some very big one when we do do it. Mr. Soucy stated the other cost they incur because it is a public health emergency, we pay our staff overtime, we have a very small overtime budget, we always stay well within that.

Alderman O'Neil stated is there any training or awareness program for city employees, I think the residents of the city get it through forums like this, but is there any specific training, Highway, Parks and Rec, Building Department people that might come across areas where these mosquitoes may be breeding.

Mr. Soucy stated we have done some in the past particularly around ticks and mosquitoes, this is a relatively nasty season for ticks, we haven't conducted any but I would be happy to do some outreach to those folks.

Alderman O'Neil stated if I recall we had an issue a number of years ago at Wolfe Park that turned out to be a pretty serious situation there and there were a number of departments involved with the clean up, but fortunately you folks got involved and prevented anyone from getting bitten, so I would encourage that if possible.

Alderman Roy stated he wanted to commend the Chairman for being proactive on this it is fantastic that the Health Department is here and I think they interact with our lives a lot more than we admit because we don't see the work they do behind the scenes. Alderman Roy addressed Mr. Soucy stating as you were mentioning the large locations that you take care of is Stark Park on that list.

Mr. Soucy responded yes it is.

Alderman Roy stated thank you for your department for working with Highway and Police to clean up some of our homeless issues, and issues that we deal with that effect the quality of life of Manchester.

Alderman Shea stated usually people go to a residence if there is a standing pool. How is the follow up on that. Let's assume that somebody goes to a residence and they say look you have a pool here you haven't filled it in, there is water, and the city worker goes, but how do you know that is being followed, is there a follow up.

Mr. Soucy replied there is when we receive a complaint of an abandoned pool, we will send one of our folks out to take a look at it. If there is mosquito breeding, certainly the first thing we try to do is talk to the property owner to explain to them what we are trying to achieve by having them either treat the pool or drain the pool. They can do any number of things, you can buy a product at Home Depot that will prevent mosquitoes from breeding it's called mosquito dunks it's a bacteria that the mosquito larvae ingest, you can add chlorine to a pool, and we will monitor on a period of time, the easiest thing to do is to drain it.

Alderman Shea asked how they monitored it on a limited time. What do you do to monitor it, does the person come back.

Mr. Soucy stated we keep a running list of what is going on.

Alderman Shea asked how about from year to year.

Mr. Soucy responded that from year to year we are probably not as great as we are within a particular season, if we do identify a violation or find a property owner that doesn't want to comply we will send them an order that they need to comply there is a city ordinance that enables us to do that, and if they fail to follow up on that order then we can initiate the summons process.

4. Discussion pertaining to pedestrian crosswalks.

Chairman Osborne requested Mr. Hoben, Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Garstain from Franklin Paint Company. Chairman Osborne noted he had invited Garrett here to go over this situation with the crosswalks, the hashmarks and the piano keys, and parallel lines and whatever we might come up with here again, as I stressed at the very beginning there is an awful lot of cost involved here. I know there is quite a bit of money here involved in the paint situation, the extra labor which we don't have I brought this up last time so it was still deep in my mind not that I'm not here for public safety by far, but I am looking at the cost aspect of this and whether we can get this finished in time every year is another question mark unless we have more help. And I guess next budget year thinking about moving on with painting lines with private.

Mr. Sheppard stated that was one thing that we put into the CIP for this year, and we potentially look at doing the same thing next year that would free up some of our personnel's time to do some of the pedestrian striping, straight line striping for parking, along those lines, if we contracted out the straight line and the center line of the streets.

Chairman Osborne stated even doing that you are still going to be kind of short handed with help if we have to do all the crosswalks in Manchester with hash marks.

Mr. Sheppard stated at your request we had taken a look at, I think the committee had asked what's the difference between two six inch perpendicular bars or the hash lines. The way we looked at it is roughly about three times as much paint based on square footage, and roughly in laying out new ones we figured about twice as many man-hours. Once they are laid out the following years obviously it's not going to be twice as many man-hours to paint.

Chairman Osborne stated he had a discussion with Garret here over the phone and here at city hall when he came here this evening and I went over what I thought and he went over something else, and I feel that if we can get away with using less paint and arriving at the same situation here as hash marks I think we should look into it anyway. We can always move on to the hash marks at a later date or if this doesn't work.

Alderman Roy stated I appreciate the time, labor and effort you have put into this but, in our most recent past budget there was a very large sum of money added to the striping of city crosswalks for safety reasons. If that is not necessary I'm sure we can return that to the taxpayer but since I was one that fought to get it into the budget I'll ask these questions. What is the annual budget for striping crosswalks in the city of Manchester.

Mr. Sheppard responded roughly about \$28,000 that includes the man-hour costs and the materials.

Alderman Roy and what was the number added to the FY08 budget for hash marks.

Mr. Sheppard responded about \$12,000 for the machines another \$38,000 for the materials.

Alderman Roy stated that basically should work out to three times the paint that your normal budget has had and twice the manpower that your budget has already

had to complete this task and let everyone know what a crosswalk in the City of Manchester looks like. I'm slightly perplexed that this keeps coming back. The location that gave me the reasoning for championing this and fight for this and I will go down swinging on any fight that I believe in but the location that I absolutely love is in Alderman Osborne's ward that was a reaction to a child being hit at the intersection of Spruce and Massabesic. One the Chairman led me to this cause, and I for one believe that every crosswalk in the city of Manchester whether it is traveled by two cars a day, if it is at a stop sign or is our busiest intersection should have hash marks until we alleviate some of the problems we have with our crosswalks. Mind you this isn't just a paint problem, our respected police officers are here it's an enforcement issue but we've taken steps as a board to go ahead and add the money that was requested to alleviate your problems and now there are concerns. If there is a machine that needs to be bought or a subcontractor that needs to be brought in you are the professionals in my opinion, we voted a number of times I think we should get this done, we have backed it up with the taxpayer money and let's back it up with the safety for the people of Manchester.

Chairman Osborne stated he wanted to rebut that, basically the hash marks I put in my ward on Belmont and Spruce that's true, a child was killed at that corner. I tried everything I could do on that corner from wrong way, there is a one way, a short street, it is a very bad intersection. I did everything I could do there. Basically what I am trying to do here again, maybe we can save some money but not only that but if other things work as well as hash marks why put hash marks out there when piano keys or parallel or vertical lines will work just as well with half the paint, and half the labor, this is what I am trying to get at. I'm the first one for that and I am just trying to look at it at all angles here, this is why I got Garrett here from Franklin Paint to give us some of his ideas or suggestions and which I would like to hear from him now if I could.

Garrett addressed the committee providing his background of working for the Department of Transportation, noting when he left there his next position was drafting specifications for crosswalks. In dealing with crosswalks I have seen all different types. Right now what you have in town is basically the minimum qualifications for crosswalks, they really don't show up that much. He used descriptive pictorials of the various types of crosswalks and related costs and labor intensity. He noted that the City did not have the manpower or equipment to do the hash mark and do all the other work. He suggested a piano key method as displayed on the album cover of "The Beatles" Happy Road, this method done with two foot or one foot, the debate we had this morning with the DOT if you paint this one foot block, these are extremely visible they last longer. He explained in detail the differences that could be done, and the process it would take responding to questions by the committee members.

Chairman Osborne noted that the piano keys could be seen better than the hash marks.

Alderman Roy asked if there were any reports to back this up.

Garrett responded that they weren't it was just on experience of people in the business such as T Square and Utah.

Alderman Shea asked what the difference was in expense.

Mr. Sheppard stated he believed it would be on a 30 foot street it would be around 60 square feet, similar to two 12 inch parallel bars, the two 12 inch parallel bars with angled striping is roughly 180 square feet of paint and something like this would be around 60 square feet of paint.

Garrett noted he was a paint salesman but that this was the better way to go.

Alderman Long asked what the width of the piano was.

Garrett stated it had to be a minimum of six feet, from the inside to inside of the lines.

Alderman Long asked if it were more apt to wear out.

Garrett responded depending on how it is laid out, his job would be training the city workers to put it down correctly.

Chairman Osborne noted that they could all be the same with this, every crossing would be the same.

Alderman Roy stated we now have three types of cross walks in the city the two single lines, we have the diagonal hash marks, now we are introducing piano keys.

Chairman Osborne stated but we will do away with the rest, eventually they will fade out and be gone.

Alderman Roy asked what the paint schedule, if we told you to go out and do every crosswalk in the city how long would it take you and how much would you need to change them.

Chairman Osborne stated the lines could be left there, put the piano keys in, and just let the parallel lines wear out and the piano keys would always be there.

Alderman Roy asked how long it would it take.

Mr. Hoben responded up until October.

Alderman Roy stated you are telling me with the \$78,000 in the FY08 budget that you could do 3300 cross walks in the city of Manchester, piano keyed by November.

Mr. Hoben responded depending on the weather, if we have good weather we could get this done.

Alderman Roy stated with the budget you have you could get this done.

Mr. Hoben responded yea.

Alderman Roy asked if Mr. Sheppard wanted to pipe in on this.

Mr. Sheppard stated I am not as familiar with the timing, I'm not as familiar with the traffic division where we haven't been working with them that long, but based on the budget the aldermen were nice enough to get us the additional funding and I believe a lot of it was for the crosswalks two additional machines.

Alderman Roy stated with a purpose we passed this a month ago.

Mr. Sheppard stated I understand that. The two additional machines are going to make a big difference as far as efficiency goes. And I think that's why the Board passed that and gave us that money.

Alderman Roy stated that's why aldermen fought for it as well.

Mr. Sheppard stated with the additional funding I believe the money is there for the materials, and I know the money is there for the equipment. My only concern would be timing and if Jim is telling me that he can get it done, I guess I would have to believe in what Jim is telling me.

Alderman Roy stated I want it clear on the record if we vote on this tonight, every cross walk city of Manchester, piano keyed professional paint by November.

Mr. Sheppard stated subject to weather. Everything has to be subject to weather. If we have a rainy summer and we can't be out there striping, I hope you realize that.

Alderman Roy stated I understand that, and if we have a snowy winter our budget collapses, we understand weather better than most people in this city, but we keep revisiting this and we have seen a changeover in the city, and again I'll commend the alderman even though we disagree on this, we've gone to the hash marks because they were determined to be safer on high traffic roadways. I'm of the belief that we should have one type of crosswalk in the city of Manchester so everyone that comes to the city knows what it looks like. The best indication I can tell you of how a cross walk looks to the city, is when you are sitting at Clarke Street on Elm Street you can see half mile up the road and I have commended Jim's crew on this, the fantastic crosswalks at Carpenter Street.

Mr. Sheppard stated my concern, and Jim and I haven't discussed this, the existing crosswalks with hash marks, and then we say we are going to go to piano keys, fine if we have two six bars or two twelve inch bars we put the piano keys we don't paint the parallel lines. But say we've got existing hash marks I'm not too sure it's too efficient to erase, we've got a machine that can erase painting but to go out and erase all these hash marks on all these crosswalks so that we can put piano keys in I'm not too sure you have an idea.

Garrett stated I wouldn't recommend erasing. If you have cross walks out there that are like this now, can you put the piano keys over this yes you can, the first couple of years it's not going to look good, at night it will look good because your fresh paint will be beaded and that's what the headlights of the vehicle will show. Some people are letting these wear out they will not paint this for a year if it still looks good or they will put just a very thick coat on just to brighten it up a little bit and then that next year change it over to this, if this is on the paving schedule next year stick this in. Like driving down Elm Street tonight, you will be able to fit those piano keys in those parallel lines no problem. It will look extremely more visual, you are just going to see white blocks all along Elm Street for a couple of blocks ahead of time.

Alderman Long stated did I hear earlier Jim that the budget we appropriate you had enough in there to do the parallel line cross over type one that we have.

Mr. Hoben stated it provides the materials in the daytime laborer, but I'm not sure about the overtime account.

Alderman Long for the type one the type we have now, the parallels.

Mr. Sheppard stated yes, I think our budget was tight but I think under the existing program based on the existing cross walks I think last year we got most of them done so under the existing program. But as Alderman Roy pointed out we did get additional funds into the budget.

Alderman Long stated so with those additional funds you have enough to go through the city to do the parallel, the hash marks.

Mr. Sheppard stated if we've got the funding for the materials, we've got the funding for the equipment. My only concern is timing. I'm not convinced we have the time to get every cross walk 3375, in the city completed with hash marks this year. What I would recommend if that policy does move forward, or what I would recommend is allowing us to choose the areas that was discussed at the previous committee, schools, parks, elderly those cross walks be done first with the hash marks perhaps this year and then as many others as we can and then phase it in so that we can get it done. The layout of the hash is going to be roughly twice as long is what I figured. So we are typically used to doing the two parallel bars so now we are taking twice as much time. We do everything we can to get as many done but I cannot guarantee that every cross walk in the city would be hash marked this year. And I would hope the committee would be agreeable to that and let us phase it in.

Garrett stated I'm here just to give you options. I know that this was already approved and then being in the situation of running paint crews I know that the city didn't have the time to get this type done. It is extremely time consuming, this option is a lot faster and safer and it is going to save you a little bit of paint.

Alderman Long stated so if we went to the piano, we would have revenue left over, 60% of the savings.

Mr. Sheppard stated I actually went back because one of the aldermen asked as far as the width. The hash marks the width was 8 feet, inside to inside with a 12 inch line outside. The square footage I gave you was based on a 7 foot piano key, so based on a 10 foot piano key so we are comparing apples to apples, the square footage of paint is 80 to 90 square feet of paint the hash marks was about 180 square feet of paint.

Alderman Long asked what the length was that they were using for the pianos.

Garrett responded mostly 6 feet, 6 to 10, and the stenciled sheets, 7 works great, we have larger to 10, to make the stencils are a lot more.

Chairman Osborne stated so we are talking cost, we are talking labor here not only for the first time for years to come, so if you add it up 20 years from now times what you save today, and it works just as well with the piano keys as it does with the hash marks you are way ahead of the game, this is the way I look at it.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'm not convinced we are talking comparing apples to apples here. Cause I'm looking at the type 1 that we've approved, you have a width of 10 feet correct outside to outside. But yet we are talking about these piano widths being as narrow as 6 feet. So that's why when we talk about cost in square footage we need to make sure we are apples to apples and Kevin I think you were trying to do it tonight but I'm not sure we are talking about apples to apples. If I did understand you sir in your presentation earlier you talked about stencils for the piano keys. Couldn't the stencil be made to do the diagonals.

Garret responded oh sure.

Alderman O'Neil stated Kevin and I had this discussion last week about stencils. We do everything freehand currently. So a stencil could be made, you say they are generally about 9 feet wide. It was noted the comment was 10 feet long. Alderman O'Neil asked how wide.

Garret responded they are 50 inches wide, you make whatever you want within that.

Alderman O'Neil stated so a stencil could be used for the diagonals. I am not convinced that the labor is twice as much and that the cost is twice as much material used if we did. We need to do actual comparisons to comparison on WIST.

Garret responded let me tell you how these two are striped. You are only going to paint these half at a time, unless you close down the road. Garret then explained the differences in the paint used and the fact that the time for the paint to dry takes time.

Alderman O'Neil asked Alderman Roy where the standards came for the diagonals and he said the State of New Hampshire.

Alderman Roy concurred saying it was from the manual and until someone sent him a report that says that piano keys are the same as hash marks or better than hash marks I'd like everyone in this room to not classify it. We know that the hash marks are better than single strip lines, and all I ask for if we are going to go forward with this. One proves it to me, we know the hash marks work we can drive around the city of Manchester and see it. What California doing I don't care

I'd like to know in a report whether it is on a website from another town or a CLD study that's been buried in the Highway Department I want to see it on paper, before people say they work better. We fought to get rid of two times the material and three times the labor so we wouldn't have these arguments and we could have one standard one thing that we all agree was safe.

Garrett stated you understand where I am coming from, it doesn't matter to me which one of these you use. I'm giving you an option, I'm giving you from my experience this works. If you do this type I sell more paint, why would I be trying to talk you into this if my company is going to make more money selling you this type. I mean prove it.

Alderman O'Neil stated if we do a thousand gallons of paint with the piano keys and it's two thousand gallons of paint with the diagonals and we save a life I don't care that's not of interest to me, I want to do it right and what provides the safest option, I am not looking to save paint here.

Chairman Osborne stated he just said the piano keys are more visible and better than the hash marks.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is his opinion. Alderman Roy asked for what standards show us another community that's done it, I haven't seen those.

Chairman Osborne stated I haven't seen any reports on hash marks either.

Alderman Roy stated yes you did. There was one in our agenda not too long ago, asking Mr. Hoben if he had the report he had sent him.

Mr. Hoben didn't have it.

Mr. Sheppard stated if you'd like we can do some research on that. Alderman Roy if you'd like we can do some research, I know some have gone to the piano key.

Chairman Osborne stated the piano keys, I'm not saying the hash mark are a big blight in a few places but if you put hash marks on every cross walk in the city it's going to look like the Ringley Bros. are coming to town. I think this is neater, the piano keys, its going to be all uniform, all the same eventually, and I think it works better like he says I believe that too. It's less money over a period of time. It's less labor. So I don't know where we are coming from.

Mr. Hoben stated the existing crosswalks if you go to put piano keys in there could be a problem there. If you do the existing six inch hash marks out on the field

also, on Hanover Street in front of Hannafords, it was six inch hash marks so it is a whole bunch of different ones out there. So that could be part of the problem. Putting in either the piano key or the hash marks on some of them. Just an example when we did Elm Street and Carpenter up in Alderman Roy's Ward I had my staff do what the layout time was and what the painting time was. It came out one hour to lay out on the floor cross walks and two hours to strip them. Now we are using a template on our 45-degree hash marks right now.

Alderman Shea asked when will this whole activity begin, after the budget is finalized and after July 1 is that it. When would you start the process.

Mr. Sheppard stated I don't believe Jim has started striping cross walks yet.

Mr. Hoben stated he would start in a couple of weeks. We have paint stock and we have older machines.

Alderman Shea stated so the decision this committee has to make has to be within tonight, or can you get some background material and we can postponed it until the next meeting.

Mr. Hoben noted they were doing the long striping.

Mr. Sheppard stated so to answer your question, yes, it can be put off to the next meeting.

Alderman Shea moved that they put it off to the next meeting, get some background material regarding the studies that you say are in progress and then come back to us and we can make a decision regarding it at the next meeting.

Alderman Long seconded the motion to table. The motion carried.

5. Ordinance amendment requested by Alderman Long.

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles And Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by expanding the Residential Parking Permit Zone #1 in Section 70.55(D)(1) to include a portion of Elm Street.”

Alderman Long moved to approve. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Osborne recorded as opposed.

Alderman Osborne stated he wanted to explain his opposition was that he believed that doing this in front of residential places opens up a pandora's box and other wards are looking for this including my ward where people call me, and want the same thing and if we start that it is going to be all over the city so it just gets bigger and bigger and bigger.

6. Chairman Osborne advises that the Traffic Division has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

Stop Signs:

On Edouard Street at Seames Drive, NWC
Alderman DeVries

On Elmwood Ave., at Calef Road, NEC
Alderman Garrity

Stop Signs (Emergency Ordinances):

On Cohas Ave., at Island Pond Road, center island –backup
Alderman Pinard

On Comeau Street at St. Marie Street, SEC
On Comeau Street at Hamburg Street, NWC
Alderman Smith

Rescind Stop Signs (Emergency Ordinances):

On Hamburg Street at Comeau Street, SWC (ordinance number not yet assigned)
On St. Marie Street at Comeau Street, NWC (ordinance number not yet assigned)
Alderman Smith

Rescind Stop Sign:

On Krakow Ave., at Willow Street, NWC
Alderman Long

No Parking Anytime (Emergency Ordinances):

On Tarrytown Road, west side, from Central Street to Lake Ave.
On Tarrytown Road, west side, from Hanover Street to a point 65 feet north of
Central Street
Alderman Osborne

Alderman Shea moved to approve. Alderman Long duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Osborne noted they had the Manchester Transit Authority here.

Alderman Long noted they were there to address the Elm Street item which had been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Roy stated my request is that I believe there is a breakdown in our ordinance violation system that our police officers are doing a very effective job in writing tickets regarding ordinance violations or city ordinance violations and that through the court process they are not being given quite the respect that they should, so I would ask that we place an agenda item for our next meeting to hear from Dale Robinson of Ordinance Violations, have the clerk send him a memo to give us an update as to what happens from the time an ordinance violation ticket is written through the court system and what the effectiveness of that is and ask the police department at our next meeting to give us a report on the same.

Alderman Shea seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Roy stated if the Solicitor's office has some input that would be fantastic as well.

TABLED ITEMS

7. Communication from Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission recommending naming the Manchester Recreational Trail system inclusive of Manchester City limits present and future, in honor of Officer Briggs to be called "The Michael L. Briggs Trail System 83."
(Tabled 11/14/2006)

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman O'Neil stated one of the requests was reaching out to the family, asking what Mrs. Briggs said.

Chairman Osborne stated he had asked Maureen Tessier to speak with the family. She had never gotten back to him. Chairman Osborne commented that he didn't want to just keep leaving this on the table.

Alderman Shea moved that they get a request back from the Police Department. Alderman O'Neil noted that Deputy Lussier was present and indicating they would follow up, noting they had been waiting to hear back because at one point Mrs. Briggs had asked for stuff to kind of calm down for a little bit, so we want to do what's in the family's wishes. Alderman Long seconded the motion to table. The motion carried.

8. Communication from Alderman Shea proposing the establishment of a Manchester Crime Prevention Committee.
(Tabled 12/12/2006)

This item remained on the table. Alderman Shea noted he was waiting for the Mayor and Chief Jaskolka was part of a committee at the State level and they hadn't heard anything from them and until they did he wanted it to remain tabled.

9. Communication from Gregory and Barbara Ahlgren requesting rescission of "No Parking" zone in front of 338 Walnut Hill Avenue Extension.
(Tabled 04/17/2007. Note: Public Works Director's recommending to follow long-standing City practice of addressing a parking issue by restricting parking on the north side of the street in front of 338 Walnut Hill Avenue.)

Alderman Roy moved to remove this item from the table. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Roy stated we have gotten much closer to resolving this issue. The Highway Department unfortunately was delayed and not staking out some of the changes requested and talked about it at our last meeting, so the two things I would like to do is I would like to change #9 by vote tonight from requesting the non parking signs I'd like us to rescind that and add in it's place changes in curb line on Walnut Hill Avenue Extension. What we are doing right now is working

with one homeowner to make changes that should have been changed when that roadway was rebuilt in order to have an appropriate apron at the driveway location.

Chairman Osborne stated all agreed upon by Highway.

Alderman Shea asked a little bit more about what you are doing.

Alderman Roy stated basically when the roadway was recreated the curb line to the existing driving on the south side of Walnut Hill Avenue Extension was left two straight pieces of granite confining the mouth of the driveway. Alderman O'Neil's suggestion was if we pulled it with a curved granite it opens the apron and allows a larger turning radius.

Alderman Shea stated so what you are saying is Attorney Tenn that would be on his side of the street.

Alderman Roy stated yes, so the change would be on Attorney Tenn's side of the street, it would instead of straight pieces narrowing the neck of his driveway, curving it, opening up the apron and potentially opening up the turning radius.

Alderman Shea stated and there would require no parking on Walnut Hill on the north side, is that correct.

Alderman Roy stated it would not require the no parking.

Alderman Roy moved to rescinding the no parking, and take away that option for signage on the north side. Secondly, Alderman Roy stated then waiting for approval by the homeowner Highway went up and flagged the property today and so both homeowners will be able to approve it and we should be able to dismiss this at our next meeting.

Alderman Shea seconded the motion to rescind the previous action and await report for the next meeting. The motion carried.

10. E-mail communication from Jennifer Drakoulakos expressing her concerns regarding traffic flow and parking problem on A Street.

Chairman Osborne noted he had spoke with Alderman Smith and he indicated it was okay to pull this item off. Lt. Hopkins would be meeting with the VNA and the neighborhood residents.

On motion of Alderman Long, duly seconded by Alderman Shea it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Lt. Hopkins stated he was meeting with them tomorrow.

On motion of Alderman Long, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to table this item pending report from Alderman Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Roy stated I would like to request of the Deputy Chief for the next meeting, there was a discussion of non-lethal tasers in the Police Department, if we could get a report next month as to the progress that is being made in that department. Alderman Shea seconded the request for a report. The motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee